Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

Allentown Paint Co.

639 E. Allen St. Allentown, PA 18102 Congressional District 15 EPA ID #: PAD002391969 Last Updated: 07/15/2008

Current Progress at the Site

An Environmental Indicator (EI) inspection was performed at the Allentown Paint facility in October 2008 to determine whether human exposures to contamination and migration of contaminated groundwater are under control. Several underground storage tanks were removed in the 1990s, and several soil removals in the 1990s and 2000s first led to the attainment of Non-Residential Statewide Health Standards (SHS) for soil in 2000, then to the attainment of Residential SHS for soil in 2003. Groundwater sampling in 1999 indicated slightly elevated levels of lead in each of the three wells on-site; however, the report did not indicate whether lead concentrations reported were total or dissolved lead. Therefore, more investigation will be necessary in order to determine whether both EIs are under control.

Site Description

The former Allentown Paint facility is situated on an approximately 3.8-acre lot located on the corner of Graham and Allen Streets in Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The facility was owned by the Helfrich family and manufactured various paints from the 1930s to 1989, when the facility was sold to the Stulb Paint Company. Stulb continued to manufacture paint at the facility until 1995, when they went out of business. From 1997 to the present, the property has been leased to several tenants as commercial and storage space.

Site Responsibility

To be determined.

Institutional Controls

To be determined.

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